

Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District
Minutes of the Board of Directors
January 10, 2017
Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Gonzales County Underground Water Conservation District (the District) was called to order at 5:30 p.m. Present for the meeting were directors: Bruce Tieken, Steve Ehrig, Barry Miller, Bruce Patteson, and Kermit Thiele. Also present for the meeting were GCUWCD General Manager Greg Sengelmann, GCUWCD, Administrative Assistant Laura Martin, GCUWCD Mitigation Manager Link Benson, and legal counsel Greg Ellis. Other Attendees included: (See Attached List)

Public Comment: Public comments were made Ms. Sally Ploeger on behalf of Mr. Wayne Le Pori who was not in attendance. Ms. Ploeger also made public comments for herself. A recording of the board meeting and comments received are filed at the District office.

The Board of Directors discussed and took action on the Consent Agenda including, the minutes from the December 13, 2016 Board Meeting, the Financial Report, District Bills to be paid, District Manager, Administrative Staff, Board Member, Field Technician and Mitigation Manager Expenses, Manager's Report, and Well Mitigation Manager's Reports. Mr. Kermit Thiele made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Steve Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Copies of District Documents are available at the District office. No listed items were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Next, the board participated in an open forum discussion lead by GCUWCD Mitigation Manager, Mr. Link Benson. Mr. Benson discussed water well completion standards and district rules. He then discussed a water well drillers audit conducted for wells drilled in the calendar year 2016. Fifty-five (55) of Eighty-one (81) water wells drilled in the District, appeared to be out of compliance with district rules for various reasons. Participating in the discussion were the GCUWCD Board Members, General Manager, Mr. Greg Sengelmann, Mr. Adam Foster, TDLR, and Mr. Larry DeHarde, DeHarde's Water Well Service.

The Board went into Executive Session, at 5:57 p.m., concerning attorney-client matters of water well drilling compliance, per Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code. Mr. Tieken called the meeting back to order at 6:35 p.m.

The Board of Directors then discussed and took action on adding a line item for the Monitoring Well Project to the GCUWCD 2016-2017 FY Budget. Mr. Barry Miller made a motion to add a line item to the Budget in the amount of \$144,474.00. Mr. Ehrig seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Next, the Board of Directors and Mr. Sengelmann discussed the Plugging and Abandonment Well Project. Mr. Miller made a motion to move \$100,000.00 from the Money Market account to the Plugging and Abandonment Well Project. Mr. Bruce Patteson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

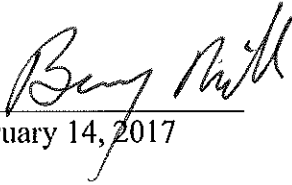
Other items of interest were discussed in executive session. Mr. Miller made a motion to instruct the General Manager and General Counsel to take any and all necessary action to plug any water wells that were drilled and completed in violation of the District Rules, or are harming the environment by issuance of saline water to the surface. Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. Mr. Miller explained that the motion would authorize enforcement action against the responsible water well driller and any suit judgment or settlement should include an amount to reimburse the district expenses for plugging the well. Furthermore, the district should send Notice of Violation letters to each water well driller found to be in violation of district rules. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

A motion was made by Mr. Ehrig to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Patteson seconded the motion. The motion

passed unanimously.

Approved By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ben Smith", written over a horizontal line.

February 14, 2017

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<u>Name</u>	<u>Organization/Email List</u>	<u>Landowner (yes or no)</u>
STEVEN Siebert SANUS		
Adam Foster	TDLR	
Bill Kleant	SSLGC	NO
GRAHAM MOORE	HCPA	NO
Craig Hines	CRWA	Yes
Sally Ploeger		
Emmet Bakke		Yes
Adam Coskrell	SSLGC	YES
PAUL PARKER		NO

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